

55. The passive safety mechanism of claim 53 wherein said blocking means is substantially the same transverse width as said recess.

56. The passive safety mechanism of claim 53 wherein a detachable backstrap provides alignment to said blocking means.

57. The passive safety mechanism of claim 53 wherein a positive stop means limits the maximum downward position of said blocking means.

58. The passive safety mechanism of claim 57 wherein said positive stop means is a mandrel for a torsion spring.

59. In a handgun having a triggerbar, a trigger mechanism comprising:

- a. a longitudinally slidable trigger, and
- b. a torsion type trigger return spring;

characterized in that said trigger return spring effects translation and rotation of said triggerbar.

60. The trigger mechanism of claim 59 wherein said trigger return spring acts upon said trigger indirectly via said triggerbar.

Remarks

Applicant has rewritten all independent claims in the format suggested by the Examiner and has renumbered all claims. The substance of the claims has not been changed; thus, only cursory review by the Examiner should be required.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance

If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. 706.03 (d) and 707.07 (j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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